



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A COMPREHENSIVE CONNECTICUT
WORKFORCE STRATEGIC PLAN.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a
2 council to develop a long-term, comprehensive strategic plan for (1)
3 linking existing workforce development and job training initiatives,
4 programs and activities, and (2) providing employers with
5 educational, job training and skill building programs designed to meet
6 their current and projected occupational needs in this state, including
7 programs to develop specific skill requirements for occupations in this
8 state with a projected workforce shortage, as forecasted by the Office
9 of Workforce Competitiveness pursuant to section 4-124w of the
10 general statutes, as amended.

11 (b) The council shall consist of the following members:

12 (1) The Labor Commissioner and the Commissioners of Education,
13 Higher Education and Economic and Community Development, or

14 their designees;

15 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

16 (3) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

17 (4) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

18 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
19 Representatives; and

20 (6) Four appointed by the Governor, two of whom shall represent
21 employers.

22 (c) All appointments to the council shall be made no later than thirty
23 days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled
24 by the appointing authority. The term of each appointed member of
25 the council shall be coterminous with the term of the Governor. The
26 council shall select a chairperson from among its members. Members
27 of the council shall receive no compensation for their services but shall
28 be reimbursed for any necessary expenses incurred in the performance
29 of their duties. The council shall convene its first meeting not later than
30 sixty days after the effective date of this section.

31 (b) Not later than December 31, 2005, and annually thereafter, the
32 council shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
33 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
34 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education
35 and employment advancement on the development of the long-term,
36 comprehensive strategic plan required under subsection (a) of this
37 section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a state council responsible for developing a long-term, comprehensive, strategic workforce development plan involving stakeholders from business, education and government.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]